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1. The following information pertains to the men returned to the USSR prior to the completion of their term of service: 25X1
- a. One private of the class of 1932 was returned for having attempted to hang himself. He was considered mentally ill. 25X1
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 - b. One private was returned after breaking his back while riding a horse off duty. Another private was sent back because of a broken leg, incurred while practicing acrobatics.
 - c. No personnel were returned because of a death in their family or for other compassionate reasons. 25X1
 - d. One private was returned for criticizing the CO, and one for complaining that his leave request had been disapproved.
 - e. No personnel were returned after courts-martial. 25X1
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 - f. In Fall 1952, 10 EM were selected to return to the USSR to attend OCS. This was the only instance of a transfer for schooling. 25X1
The only qualifications for OCS were seven years of schooling, and the passing of an examination equal to seven years of schooling. 25X1

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- g. [redacted] an unknown number of men [redacted] were taken [redacted] to cadre new units in the USSR.) 25X1
- h. [redacted] fathers of triplets or higher multiple births were often released from active duty. 25X1
2. As a rule, personnel were returned to the USSR for specific illnesses, such as TB or ulcers, or for any ailment or injury which would prevent their performing normal military duties [redacted] 25X1
3. Accusing the government of lying or threatening to defect to the Americans was considered cause for personnel to be sent back to the USSR as politically unreliable.
4. Officers and soldiers were returned to the USSR for the following military and civil offenses:
 - a. Officers were sent back for fraternizing or disobeying orders.
 - b. EM were returned after three AWOL offenses.
5. [redacted] 25X1
6. [redacted]
7. Personnel returned early to the USSR were replaced later during the regular rotation period. [redacted] the system of replacement was conducted on an army-wide basis. All units in the USSR trained new inductees and filled quotas as prescribed by the needs of units in the USSR and occupied countries. 25X1

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